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city; they were confined to negroes, and there had been no deaths. They were all isolated and quarantined, and all known suspects had been vaccinated. Just before I left the city 2 more cases were reported to have been discovered, but I did not see them. At Dr. Long's request, I drove with him 11 miles in the country to see a case that was about 5 miles from Mooresville, and found that this case was also smallpox. It was in the person of a negro child, and was in the tenth day of the eruption. On my return to Statesville I met the mayor and board of aldermen in special session and reported the results of my investigation. I advised with them as to the measures necessary to suppress the disease, and the board of aldermen authorized the board of health to put them into execution. Vaccination was proceeding in a satisfactory manner; a smallpox hospital and a detention hospital were established, and other necessary measures were adopted, and I think that in a short time the authorities will have the disease under control. Smallpox has been known to exist in and around Statesville for the past five weeks, and has doubtless existed for a longer time in Iredell County. The mayor of Statesville thought that he could trace the infection to the case of Harvey Perkins, a negro, who broke out with the disease at Neal's Railroad Camp in February last, and who finally made his way to Charlotte, N. C., and died in the smallpox hospital at that place. I mentioned this case in my report at Charlotte in February last. The disease was probably brought into Statesville by an itinerant negro preacher named Smoot, who thinks that he contracted it at some house where he slept while traveling through the country. The disease is doubtless widely scattered throughout that section of the country, and will doubtless be heard from at other places in the course of time. The type of the disease is still mild, though the confluent cases are becoming more numerous. * * *

Respectfully, yours,

C. P. WERTENBAKER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox reported near Lincoln, N. Mex.

Under date of the 11th instant, the United States sanitary inspector at El Paso, Tex., reports that there are 30 cases of smallpox in the vicinity of Lincoln, N. Mex., a town about one hundred miles from that city in a northeasterly direction.

Three cases of smallpox at El Paso, Tex.

EL PASO, TEX., June 11, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that at present there are 3 smallpox patients confined at the pesthouse here. Two of the patients are white and 1 colored. All necessary precautions have been taken.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.